

Recruiting Rural Parents for Indian Children

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WHO SHOULD CONTACT US

People who are part of an Indian community, who live in rural Northern or Southern California, and who are interested in being foster/permanent parents for Indian children are asked to contact either the Northern or Southern California Recruitment Coordinator (contact information on back of brochure).

WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE

- »»» A contact person who can answer questions and help you determine if parenting an Indian child(ren) is right for you and your family.
- »»» Assistance with the home study and licensing processes.
- »»» Some help with transportation, child care, and other activities directly related to the home study and licensing processes.
- »»» Assistance with connecting to support services (medical, mental health, educational, etc.) appropriate for Indian children and families.
- »»» The opportunity to be part of a research activity that will help determine the best ways of recruiting and supporting rural parents who provide permanent homes for Indian children.

- »»» Assistance needed with the transition from urban to rural.
- »»» Support from project recruiters up to one year after the finalization of the placement.
- »»» Access to project staff who understand the needs and challenges faced by Indian children and families.



RECRUITING RURAL PARENTS FOR INDIAN CHILDREN is a five-year demonstration project through the federal Children's Bureau serving tribes, counties, courts, and families in northern and southern California.

Project goals:

- »»» Develop a culturally sensitive and sustainable rural parent recruitment process for the permanent placement of Indian children with Indian or tribally-approved parents.
- »»» Begin recruitment in October 2004 with a goal of contacting 800

potential permanent parents in order to recruit 160 permanent parents/families for 240 Indian children.

- »»» Recruit permanent parents from 10 rural California counties (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, Trinity, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Siskiyou) and place Indian children from the recruitment counties and from Sacramento, Orange, and Los Angeles counties.
- »»» Increase rural parent recruitment matches with Indian children by at least 30% over the five years of the project.

